total value of Rs. 11328 crore, covering a length of 3111 km. The details are as under:

	No. of Contracts	Estimated Amount (Rs. in crore)	Length (in km.)
(i) Golden Quadrilateral	55	8907	2382
(ii) North-South and East-West corridor	36	1868	562
(iii) Other	8	553	167
TOTAL	99	11328	3111

(c) and (d) Out of 99 contracts, 65 contracts have been awarded to Indian Companies, 9 contrcts to foreign companies and 25 contracts to joint ventures. The contractor is required to adhere to time and specified standards of quality, besides fulfilling other contractual conditions.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

2092. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have collected more than Rs. 5000 crore under the "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" for maintenance of National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much amount Government are likely to spend on NHs in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the amount collected from cess on petrol and diesel which is credited to Central Road Fund. On an average about

Rs. 5800 crore is being credited to this fund every year. Out of this fund, approximately Rs. 2000 crore is spent on development of National Highways under National Highways Development Project. The remaining amount is utilized for State roads, rural roads and road safety works.

(c) An amount of Rs. 112.22 crore and Rs. 50.63 crore is likely to be spent for development and maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh respectively during the year 2001-2002. In addition, an amount of Rs. 438 crore is likely to be spent on National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in Gujarat.

More Buses between Delhi and Lahore

†2093. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to increase the number of buses plying between Delhi and Lahore;

(b) if so, how many and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) There is no formal proposal at this juncture.

Repair of National Highways in Karnataka

2094. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not sanctioned any amount for repairing flood damaged National Highways in Karnataka so far, for the financial year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, by when the amount would be sanctioned and released; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.